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1. DURING THAI CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING IN PARIS, AID ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR NOOTER IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH RENOO, SECRETARY GENERAL, NESDB, DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF CAMBODIAN RICE. NOOTER STATED US RICE SUPPLIES WERE DEPLETED, AND WE HOPED THAILAND COULD SUPPLY ADDITIONAL 40,000 TONS DESPERATELY NEEDED BY CAMBODIA BETWEEN

NOW AND OCTOBER. NOOTER SAID US WAS PREPARED TO GUARANTEE PAYMENT

IF THIS WAS AN OBSTACLE. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED THIS WAS NOT DIRECT CONCERN OF RENOO, BUT IT WAS MOST CRITICAL PROBLEM FOR BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES SINCE CAMBODIAN FATE COULD WELL DEPEND UPON CONTINUED RICE

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 $\operatorname{WM}\ \operatorname{RENOO}$ PROMISED TO LOOK INTO RICE PROBLEM AND SAID THAT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD.

3. REQUEST BANGKOK FOLLOW UP WITH RENOO AFTER HIS RETURN TO THAIL AND

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